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SUBJECT: LOS: SUBCOMMITTEE III, 7 TH MEETING, 6 APRIL

1. CHAIRMAN OF WORKING GROUP 2 ON MARINE POLLUTION
REPORTED ON RESULTS OF WORK THIS SESSION.

2. CHAIRMAN OF WORKING GROUP ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
REPORTED ON WORK OF 1 ST AND ONLY MEETING THIS SESSION

3. CHAIRMAN OF SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTED THAT IN PRIVATE
CONTACTS HE NOTE SUPPORT FOR ADDING " THE TRANSFER OF
TECHNOLOGY" TO THE MANDATE OF THE WORKING GROUP ON SCIENTI-
FIC RESEARCH. USSR, GHANA, PERU, VENEZUELA, LIBERIA,
TANZANIA, CANADA, ROMANIA, SPAIN AND COLUMBIA SPOKE IN
FAVOR OF EXPANDED MANDATE. MALTA EXPRESSED HOPE (BUT
DID NOT OBJECT) THAT TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY NO BE TIED
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ONLY TO RESEARCH. CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT WORKING GROUP ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH MANDATE WOULD BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY , AND TITLE CHANGED ACCORDINGLY. THIS NEW MADATE SHOULD NOT IMPEDE GENERAL DEBATE ON TRANSFER OF TECNOLOGY IN SUBCOMMITTEE III IN GENEVA. CHAIRMAN, IN REPOSE TO QUERY FROM US, SAID THAT IN ABSENCE OF CHAIRMAN OF WG ON RESEARCH AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY , HE COULD ONLY SAY SUBMISSIONS OF STATES COULD PROBABLY INCLUDE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY.

4. GREECE CALLED FOR COOPERATION IN CONTROLLING MARINE POLLUTION ON A WORLDWIDE SCALE. SUBCOMMITTEE III' S ROLE IS TO COORDINATE WORK OF OTHER AGENCIES DEALING WITH MARINE POLLUTION. THE TREATY ARTICLES DRAWN UP HERE SHOULD BE GENERAL AND OMIT TECHNICAL AND OTHER MATTERS ALREADY DEALT WITH, EXPECIALLY BY IMCO. THEY CANNOT ACCEPT OTHER THAN FLAG STATE JURISDICTION OVER VESSELS (THEY WILL SUBMIT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ARTICLES IN GNEEVA.)

5. CANADA REITERATED BRIEFLY THEIR POSITION FAVORING INTERNATIONAL AND COASTAL STATE STANDARDS AND ON COASTAL AND FLAG STATE ENFORCEMENT. SOME ELEMENT OF GOOD FAITH MUST BE LEFT TO STATES AND ABUSES WOULD BE SETTLED THROUGH DISPUTE SETTLEMENT MECHANISM. GRATIFIED TO HEAR THAT GREECE SUPPORTED GOAL OF PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM VESSELS. NOTED THAT GREEK SUPPORT OF INNOCENT PASSAGE IN STRAITS MEANT IT RECOGNIZED ROLE OF COASTAL STATES IN ESTABLISHING STANDARDS. (HOPE TO SUBMIT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ARTICLES IN GENEVA)

6. TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO FELT OBLIGATION TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE MARINE ENVIRONMENT SHOULD BE BALANCED WITH NEED TO PROTECT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY OF LDC' S. OPPOSE EXCLUSIVELY INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS..

7. LIBERIA AGREED WITH GREECE, SUPPORTED IMCO, FAVORED INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND REJECTED UNILATERAL MEASURES.

8. ARGENTINIA EMPHASIZED SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF STATES TO EXPLOIT THEIR OWN RESOURCES IN ACCORDNACE WITH THEIR OWN POLICIES AND THOUGHT PREVENTION OF POLLUTION SHOULD UNCLASSIFIED

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BE VIEWED AGAINST BACKGROUND.

9. SPAIN NOTED THAT FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION DID NOT
EXIST IN TERRITORIAL SEA AND THAT COASTAL STATE COULD
SET POLLUTION STANDARDS.

10. US AGREED WITH GREECE, LIBERIA, CANADA AND OTHERS WHO
FELT THAT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS AND DRAFTING ON POLLUTION
WERE IMPORTANT EVEN THOUGH WE HAD NOT YET DEALT WITH
DIFFICULT PROBLEMS OF JURISDICTION.
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